

VILLA WILL NOT AID HUERTA

Fighting Rebel Says He Will Not Be Dragged Into War.

DID NOT ASSIST CARRANZA

Note of Letter Composed Without Consultation of Chief—Insists that General Did Not Mean What He Said.

EL PASO, Tex., April 24.—General Francisco Villa, head of the rebel military forces, informed George C. Carothers, special agent of the State department, that he will decline to be dragged into a war with the United States by anybody.

"Why," he smiled, as he threw an arm about the broad shoulders of the government representative, "all Europe would laugh at us if we went to war with you. They would say that the 'little drunkard' Huerta has drawn them into a tangled web."

Villa said that he was not consulted in the drafting of the Carranza note transmitted to Secretary Bryan last night, and which was regarded as somewhat hostile in tone.

Wants to Show Friendship.

The rebel leader told Carothers, who repeated the interview in the State department tonight, that one of the chief reasons that he came to Juarez was to show the American people that his attitude was friendly and that he did not fear to trust himself on the border without a military force behind him.

Carothers took supper with Villa and canvassed the situation thoroughly with the justice to an American goal of salad, beef and potatoes, with trimmings. "Honest," said the rebel general between mouthfuls, "I hope the Americans bottle up Vera Cruz so tight they can't even get water into it. Your admiral is doing something it would have taken us a long time to accomplish, if we could have accomplished it at all."

President for General Scott. The general brought with him 150 woven rugs of the shortest lamb's wool as a present for General Scott, who recently left Fort Bliss to become assistant chief of staff at Washington. Carothers promised to forward it along with Villa's congratulations on the recipient of the promotion.

Villa said he had arranged with all foreigners except Spaniards to ship out their cotton from Torreon, upon paying a war tax to which the foreigners had agreed. He said that Spanish cotton was not included in the arrangement, having been confiscated. There are 75,000 bales there, valued at \$25,000.

Explaining Carranza's Note.

Roberto Y. Pequeira, Carranza's confidential agent here, insisted today that the note of his chief to Secretary Bryan was not hostile, but was intended as a basis for further negotiations. He was expecting a reply from Bryan setting forth the views of the State department.

The rebel policy is that the American troops should be withdrawn from Mexico and Carranza recognized as de facto president, or at least as a belligerent, and the punishment of Huerta and other individual offenders left to the rebels. Carranza, if recognized, would not hesitate to apologize and disavow the acts of one whom he considers a traitor.

"I think his statement was fair and frank," said Pequeira, "and by no means a threat of war."

He was asked if the words used by Carranza "will drag us into an unequal war with dignity, but which until today we desire to avoid" did not mean that Carranza at least did desire war.

"Not at all," Pequeira replied. "It couldn't mean that, because I know that my chief wants peace."

Translation is Correct.

For a time it was thought that the translation might be at fault and that Carranza's Spanish really meant "but to this day we desire to avoid," but a careful examination of the original showed that the translation was correct. It was made by Samuel Belden, Pequeira and Carothers in consultation. They carefully weighed the meaning of every word and phrase.

Pequeira said, as giving evidence of the peaceful intentions of the rebel government, that Carranza had refused a number of offers from federal generals to join him if he would take the field against the United States.

"To all of these offers we have returned negative replies," said Pequeira. "We cannot join forces with Huerta for any purpose."

Bridge Closed at Night.

As a precaution against disorder all traffic into Juarez was stopped by rebel authorities tonight. Even the street cars were prohibited from crossing. The town was very quiet.

While this city was in a ferment of war talk and military preparations today, the Mexican city of Juarez across the river pursued the even tenor of its sociological way and even the arrival of General Villa from Torreon this afternoon failed to excite the villagers.

In El Paso, H. C. Myler, British consul, carrying out the orders of British government, warned British citizens to get to Mexico. Colonel C. A. Hatfield, commanding at Fort Bliss, clapped the embargo on arms and ammunition again, and then took it off. The battalion of infantry which has been guarding the city, was reinforced from the post by another battalion of the Twentieth, a squadron of the Twelfth cavalry, Battery C of the sixth artillery, and a machine-gun platoon.

Headquarters Established.

Colonel Hatfield established headquarters in the city hall, on the roof of which a military wireless tower was erected and telephone wires were strung by the signal corps to enable him to communicate promptly and confidentially with his subordinates in the field. Tonight the black minkies of field guns, parked in the camp of the reinforcements in the fields of the Texas and Pacific railroad reservation in East El Paso, are ready to pour their shells into a foreign foe, should one appear.

At the hardware and gun stores today purchasers of weapons stood in line, as if waiting at a box office for tickets at some popular show. They were Americans for the most part, and none would be sold to Mexicans without a permit of Sheriff Peyton Edwards.

Villa a Disappointment.

General Villa was a disappointment today. He was supposed to be bringing a personal escort of 200 men, but to avoid provocative appearances the general left most of them behind at Chihuahua, and appeared with only twenty-five or thirty of his followers. He remarked:

"What does the United States want to say any attention to that drunken old ass, Huerta, for as long as he lives?"

Villa himself is a testicular. The horns of Torreon said he came to Juarez on business affairs and to see Mrs. Villa. With

Villa were Generals Urbana, Angeles and Rodriguez.

Embargo Enforced. Efforts to find out just what conditions were affecting the shipment of arms and ammunition across the river resulted in bewilderment. Finally it appeared that although there was no embargo on, still the stuff could not be sent across. This morning Colonel Hatfield received an order from General Tasker H. Bliss at San Antonio not to allow munitions of war to cross the bridge. The colonel posted a guard at the Santa Fe street bridge.

This afternoon General Bliss is said to have rescinded the order, or at least to have instructed Colonel Hatfield that there was no official embargo. The soldiers understood, however, that nothing of military use shall cross until the present complications are removed. They seized 25,000 rounds of cartridges stored in a local warehouse for the last month. Tonight Zach H. Cobb, collector of the port, said the embargo was still lifted so far as he knew.

Did on in Juarez.

In Juarez the saloons and gambling halls are closed and few persons were in the streets.

It had been reported that 600 soldiers had arrived from the south to reinforce the garrison, but this proved unfounded, the story being the work of a belligerent major in one of the courtesans. A few troopers, unarmed, lounged in the scant shade of the plaza, but that was all. The big doors of the courtesans stood open and a glance showed them to contain few soldiers.

Early in the day El Paso was excited by reports that four troop trains and a train of ammunition and horses was on its way from Chihuahua to Juarez under General Toribio Ortega. It had much to do with the transfer of more soldiers from Fort Bliss to this city, but the truth of the story was generally denied in a way that carried conviction.

Makes Guarded Replies.

General Villa received reporters tonight and made guarded replies to a number of questions.

Asked if foreigners would be protected should the rebels be brought into a war against the United States, he replied:

"Our forces, in an event which I hope will not come about, would take the opportunity of proving to the world that we are civilized people and capable of following all rules of civilized warfare. I would give perfect guarantees to all neutral foreigners and am willing to vouch for this personality."

When asked whether he would join forces with General Huerta in a war against the United States he said:

"As I have already stated, such an event is improbable, but to answer your question I must state that I am a soldier and ready to follow all orders of my chief, General Carranza."

General Villa when asked to express an opinion on General Carranza's note to President Wilson replied:

"It was written with the brain of a Saxon and the soul of a Latin."

He would not make any statement as to his opinion regarding President Wilson's message of yesterday to General Carranza beyond the following:

"I am a soldier and not a diplomat, and in that capacity it would be improper for me even to comment on that matter."

Mr. Pequeira made the following formal comment on President Wilson's statement of today:

"The wishes and intentions which he manifests to respect by all means the sovereignty of my country is another evidence of the great mental and moral standard of President Wilson and I ex-

pect future developments to further prove it."

There were no official communications between General Carranza and President Wilson today, although a statement was expected from Washington.

Rain and Wind of Last Night Causes but Slight Damage

Heavy thunder showers visited the state of Nebraska late yesterday afternoon and last night. At North Platte it rained in the afternoon and cleared later in the evening. From there east to Kearney and Lincoln and north to O'Neill and south to Cambridge and Hastings intermittent rains were experienced. The precipitation was heavy and lasted from thirty minutes to an hour. At 9:30 a heavy shower fell in the vicinity of Omaha and extended north as far as Sioux City. The rain in this locality was accompanied by hail.

Some damage was done in South Omaha, where the wires between Twenty-sixth and Twenty-fourth on Q street were blown down, as they were at Twenty-fourth and U. At the latter point an old house was unroofed by the wind. The Bellevue car line for an hour or more was at a standstill, but before midnight was able to resume its schedule.

While the rainstorm was at its height, and the wind which accompanied it was blowing its hardest, Charles Stearn and his family, who live in the same building with their grocery store at 246 U street, South Omaha, suddenly found themselves roofless.

One particularly strong gust of wind raised the roof completely off and hurled it to the middle of the street, carrying telephone and electric light wires beneath it and tying up Albright and Fort Crook street car traffic for the rest of the night.

No other property in the neighborhood was damaged, but the loss to the Stearn building will be around \$50, which is partly covered by insurance.

In Omaha the high wind did no particular damage, but the rain filled sewers to overflowing and in a half dozen parts of the city householders feared for the safety of possessions kept in cellars. Around Twenty-eighth and Chicago the water was several feet deep, and at one time at Sixteenth and Harney the street was impassable. When the rain subsided the sewers gradually carried off the water and by 11 o'clock at night the streets were normal again, except for a good cleaning.

The kitchen and basement of the Wise Memorial hospital was flooded with mud and water. When drained several inches of mud remained.

Street Commissioner Ryder reported damage to several streets, but nothing serious. Several feet of water backed up in the street at Thirty-ninth and Franklin streets.

Automobile Institute at Denison.

DENISON, Ia., April 24.—(Special.)—Vice President Ferdinand of the Lincoln Highway association was the guest of the Denison Commercial club this forenoon. At noon a lunch was given in his honor at the Hotel Denison, which was generally attended by citizens. Much enthusiasm was shown over the undertaking.

In the afternoon began the automobile institute in charge of R. E. Davis, formerly chief engineer of the Midland Motor company. The lectures are illustrated and consultations free to all the patrons of the institute. The farmers are in for the institute in liberal numbers.

AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Officer Corrigan Operated on at Rochester, Minn.

FEW REGISTER AS VOTERS

Chief Briggs Said to Have Been Given Authority to Discipline Officers Who Do Not Perform Duties.

Beyond the fact that Officer William Corrigan has been operated on at Rochester, Minn., by the Mayo Brothers nothing definite was learned of his condition yesterday. The operation is said to have taken place Wednesday. It is said that three will be necessary. One to make way for a second and a third.

Results of the Corrigan benefit are said to have been very encouraging. Over 1,000 tickets are said to have been sold at 50 cents each. This, together with other benefit returns, will run the finances of the benefit pretty high, it is said. Police Detective Andrew Lepinski sold over 200 tickets alone. H. P. Warner, president of the Eagles in South Omaha, is head of the benefit fund.

Few Out to Register.

But a very few took advantage of the registration office in South Omaha yesterday. The figures are said to run nearly to the usual limit of registration. Not more than twenty-five probably registered all day yesterday. Deputy Election Commissioner Henry Ostrom was in charge of the office. There will be another day of registration today. This is to give an opportunity to those who may have changed their residences since registering.

Reigns Given Authority.

Mayor Hector stated yesterday that it was now within the power of Chief Briggs to enforce discipline among his men, the board having empowered the chief to suspend and prefer charges against any officer on the force who is caught neglecting his duty. The order follows a long series of police happenings which are said to have irritated the board. Particularly, the mayor and the board suspect that time and again their measures have been tipped off to the lawless element of the town by members of the police force. Mayor Hector has openly charged this for some time. The police have been given orders to close saloons and keep them closed after hours and on Sundays. Yet the saloons are said never to have closed. Gambling houses have been ordered closed and the places run just the same. Immoral dives have run openly and known to most men about town, yet the police appear not to be able to find them. The mayor or a member of the police board go out for an inspection trip on Sunday and the word of their coming is flashed before they get away from the heart of town, it is said.

The orders have been given to close the gambling houses and the dives. Each time they reopen within a day or two. By the late orders of the board the chief will hold every man responsible for his beat under a pain of suspension and charges before the board. This includes ranking officers as well as the men of the force.

Police Judge James Callahan has said that if the lawless element of men and women in the city are arrested by the police he will see to it that they get proper punishment.

Cox New Light Manager.

Earl Cox, well known real estate and insurance man of South Omaha, has been appointed manager of the Omaha Electric Light and Power company for South

Omaha, the appointment to take effect May 1. Mr. Cox succeeds Fred Haynes, former local manager, who recently resigned.

The new local manager is a lifelong resident of South Omaha, and for many years has been active in the real estate and insurance world of South Omaha. For seven years he has been local manager for the Magic City Realty company and for the O'Neil Real Estate agency.

River Cuts into Range.

Word has reached this city that owing to a change of the Missouri river's course near La Platte, the government rifle range has been affected. Great chunks of land are said to have been eaten out by the stream at this point. Experts who have inspected the ground, however,

say that the water will not affect the range, properly so called, and that there is still a six-mile sweep for rifle practice.

Storm Blocks Traffic.

Lifting a roof from the building of the Stern Grocery company at Twenty-fourth and U streets, last night, the windstorm deposited the debris on the tracks of the street car company, thereby interrupting the service of the Fort Crook car and the Benson lines to the south for a number of hours. The store building is owned by S. Greenberg. The damage to the building was fixed at about \$1,000.

Exposed to the Storm.

Out of work, John Matulic, a Lithuanian, residing at 318 R street, left his family of a wife and five children, two of whom were lying in bed ill under an

open roof, to appeal to the local police for help. The report was marked referred to the Associated Charities by the police, but the representative of the Associated Charities told a newspaper reporter that she had not heard of the case until brought to her notice by the reporter.

Magic City Gossip.

J. L. Mota of Moline, Ia., in the city on business yesterday. The Enters Nons club will give a dance at the St. Mary's hall, Thirty-sixth and Q streets, this evening.

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The women of the Christian church will give a dinner May 5 at the McCrann hall, Twenty-fourth and Q streets.

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home with the crippled and with instructions to pitch to such anyone who wanted exercise. This gave me something of a job and time to think. It also gave me a realization that some day, in a one-sided game, the "Boss" would tend me to the mound, and that my life depended upon my showing him something when that day came. Control of the ball and how to get it was my problem, and after heavy drafts on my gray matter and much experimenting, this is how I solved it: "Complete details of shadow pitching are given in the complete course of instructions Introductory to Ed. Walsh's Contributions to This Course of Lessons By ED. WALSH For eight long years the splitter has been my stock in trade. With its aid I have won more games in one season than any pitcher of modern times. It helped me to do my share in one American League Championship, one World's Championship and in two series of games for the Championship of Chicago. Having thoroughly mastered control of this style of twisting, I have, for many years, been able to go in and finish (and sometimes save) games for my team with little or no time devoted to "warming up." I count this one of the very valuable features of the split ball. The change from a fast ball, a curve or a cross fire (left-handed), is so radical that it is an easy matter to baffles the most dangerous opponents if one has control. That last word is the secret of my success, excepting, of course, my knowledge of how to pitch. Knowledge how does not avail much in our league unless one can go out to the slab and deliver. That is what the manager wants and what the people come to see, therefore, when I joined the White Sox I spent the better part of two seasons learning what I should have been taught earlier, namely, control of the ball, how to take a throw at first base, how to back up on the plate and at third, how to field bunts, and again, how to pitch what Billy Sullivan called for and when, which means that I finally learned control. College professors and other scientists have tried to determine why a split ball takes its peculiar curve. I do not know, but I do know how to make it break and that is the important thing. The most ball can be thrown several ways, but the best, the most easily learned and therefore the easiest to control is that shown in the illustration. The full instructions of Ed. Walsh are included in the course and are marvelous in the extreme.

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